

firsthand the devastation that had been wrought. The heroic determination of the firefighters, police officers and rescue workers will be etched into my mind for the rest of my life. When I returned to New York City, I was amazed of the progress that the people of this great city have made in the area where the Twin Towers once stood. It is truly a testament to the strength and heart of the citizens of New York and all Americans. It makes me proud to serve in the Congress.

Like so many other members of Congress, constituents from the first district of South Carolina and their families were among the victims on that tragic day. They will be sorely missed, but we will never forget them. As we commemorate the unity of this great nation on the first anniversary of these terrorist attacks, I pray for these families and all Americans. The foundation of this great land is strong, and we will never waiver from our cause. God Bless America.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC LANDS JOURNEY

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, Westerners have an understanding about the importance of public lands to our region and its economy. We know there are forests for recreation and commodity production, ranch lands for grazing, wilderness for back country exploring, and national parks, monuments, rivers, and trails that welcome visitors by the millions each year. But a group of committed partners including federal agencies and organizations like the National Geographic Society organized a special trek to ensure that all Americans understand our common public lands legacy. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, began July 31 and will conclude September 28 in Salt Lake City. Of the two groups making the 3,200-mile journey entirely on the public lands and waters, one started at Glacier National Park in my home state of Montana. At Pipestone Pass in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, that group helped Montanans celebrate a newly constructed segment of the Continental divide National Scenic Trail at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. I congratulate the efforts of American Frontiers to foster a greater understanding of America's public lands legacy and am excited that they are bringing attention to the approximately 30 million acres of public lands in Montana. Special thanks to the Public Lands Interpretive Association that spearheaded this effort. I look forward to hearing accounts from this epic journey.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER JOHN M. GARRITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Father John M. Garrity, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Berea.

Father John M. Garrity led his flock at St. Mary's for twenty-five years, offering spiritual support to every member. In addition, Father Garrity was very active in the community, serving on many boards and assisting wherever he was needed.

From 1973 to 1988, Father Garrity served as Chaplain for the Cleveland Fire Department. Throughout his vocation, he remained consistently focused on helping those in need.

Father Garrity was an articulate and graceful liturgist. His sense of timing and wit, combined with his kindness and warmth, defined his ministry. Father Garrity leaves behind a rich legacy of a life dedicated to spiritual guidance and leadership, and healing and uplifting his congregation, and the entire community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Father M. Garrity, whose compassion, understanding and inspiration in his words and deeds kept hope aloft in everyone he knew. Please join me as I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends and congregation of Father John M. Garrity. Father Garrity's generous and vibrant spirit will live on in all of our hearts.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY PARKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the thousands of unsung heroes who help make our communities safe in the face of disaster. Kimberly Parker is such a person, contributing her time and efforts to preparing local agencies and organizations to handle potential, large-scale emergencies. It is with great respect I stand to honor a woman who has dedicated herself to mitigating the terrible affects of unexpected tragedy.

As emergency manager for Mesa County in Colorado, Kimberly spends her time concerned with problems that rarely cross the minds of others. In fact, it is because of her the people in Mesa County rest assured knowing their communities and local agencies continuously get the training and expertise they need to handle the expected problems like Y2K, or the unforeseeable like a flash flood. She constantly stands ready to assess, coordinate, and respond to emergencies in order to minimize their impact on the public.

In the face of 9/11, Kimberly was quick to pull together all the emergency and security agencies to help create an appropriate and coordinated response through the county's Incident Management Group. She maintained a steady and important stream of accurate information to calm nerves and dispel the many rumors that proliferated in the aftermath surrounding the tragedy. Kimberly continues to share the lessons she has learned in her efforts to prepare for the future by training her Incident Management Group to better react to the new dangers that threaten our country and communities since 9/11.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Kimberly Parker before this body of Congress and our Nation. Her efforts on behalf of the communities of Mesa County highlight her commitment to preserving life and security. Kimberly's vigilant and expert handling of recent crises has made her a beacon of assurance in these turbulent times and deserves our praise.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CUNG PHAM AND HIS SERVICE TO ST. ANSELM'S CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER IN GARDEN GROVE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cung Pham of Garden Grove, California.

Cung Pham served as the director of educational legislation and planning prior to the fall of the Republic of Vietnam in 1975. After the country's collapse, he was detained in a concentration camp for seven years before escaping by boat in 1982 to spend time in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Mr. Pham eventually ended up in the Orange County community. Using his understanding of the refugee experience, Mr. Pham worked as the director of the refugee resettlement program at St. Anselm's Cross Cultural Center in Garden Grove. His great compassion and organizational skills helped make the program a model for the entire country, helping thousands of refugees become assimilated to American life. He helped them with paperwork, enrolled them in English classes, and trained them for job interviews.

Sadly, at the young age of 63, Mr. Pham lost his battle to cancer on September 14, 2002. He was known for his quiet and gentle ways and was greatly admired by those he helped and those with whom he worked.

IN HONOR OF DR. MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT OF CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael Schwartz, who was named the fifth president of Cleveland State University.

With a life-long commitment to higher education, Dr. Schwartz continues to be a true advocate of the students he serves. A long-time proponent of open dialogue between students and faculty, Dr. Schwartz fosters a positive campus atmosphere where student learning, achievement, and services are the focus.

Dr. Schwartz brings extensive professional and educational experience to his role as President of Cleveland State University. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology, an M.A. in labor and industrial relations, and a B.S. in psychology, all from the University of Illinois. Dr. Schwartz served as professor and Chairman of Sociology, and Dean of the College of Social Science at Florida Atlantic University. While in Detroit, he taught sociology and psychology at Wayne State University, and served as research director for the Mayor's Committee for Community Action for Detroit Youth. Moreover, Dr. Schwartz served as President of Kent State University from 1982 to 1991, at which time he stepped down to resume teaching.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael